

September 15, 2014

PRESENT: Philip Bean, Chairman  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman  
Rick Griffin, Selectman  
Rusty Bridle, Selectman  
Jim Waddell, Selectman  
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

7:00 PM Public Meeting

## SALUTE TO THE FLAG

### I. Public Comment (05:30)

Mr. Art Moody, 3 Thomsen Road, last spring brought it to the board's attention that the Trustees of the Trust Fund changed the word income to net income on a state form which throws a red flag; only fee they mention to Mackensen & Company was \$18,000 something; complaint that it's supposed to be income based; not listing all the fees involved in the annual report; trustees signed MS9 and MS10 each year and they were false; looking to the board to look into recovery and stop the procedure; contract should be made available in the Town hall somewhere.

Mr. Sonny Kravitz, 8 Saint Cyr Drive, reappointed to a three year term on the Hampton Energy Committee; resigning after a disagree on process has become a personal attack.

### II. Announcements and Community Calendar (11:49)

Selectman Griffin stated: thanks to everyone for all the things received after recent surgery.

Selectman Bridle stated: met with State Senator Nancy Stiles at the constructions site at the beach wall; talked with members of the state and Audley about the safety of the citizens; that part of the street is narrow; trying to 62 sections of the wall this year; most they have ever done is 30; there's a lot going on in a small area; from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to High Street is blocked off; residents are parking in the Town lot at the end of High Street to walk the wall; shouldn't be walking in a construction zone; the state parking spaces from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street will not be ticketed if you have the Town sticker to avoid walking through a construction site to park.

Selectman Waddell stated: agree with Selectman Bridle, stay out of the construction site; this past Saturday was the Reach the Beach relay which finished in the state park; had about 5500-6000 running; most of the money collected they donate to local charities.

### III. Consent Agenda (15:57)

1. Dance Hall Permit: Victorian Inn & Pavilion, 430 High Street
2. Use of Selectmen's Meeting Room for "Candidates Debate" 10-17-2014
3. ~~Seabrook Station Tax Abatement Settlement Agreement~~

Chairman Bean Announced that item #3 will not be voted on.

Selectman Griffin MOVED the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

### IV. Appointments (16:16)

1. Norm Silberdick, Chairman Trustees of the Trust Funds
  - a. HB 297 – Petitioned Warrant Article

Mr. Silberdick stated: have five members; personally invite Art Moody to attend next meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> to come and air any grievances; have a discussion and clarify; anyone else is welcome; HB 297 was approved; several elements to it; one was to keep certain trust records in electronic format which is done here; allowing the appointment of alternative Trustees of the Trust Fund; five person board with generally excellent attendance did not feel compelled to do; board decided not to have alternative trustees; payment of fees for capital reserve funds which previously had been incorporated in the real estate trust funds and smaller trust funds; pay all fees through the real estate trust funds; bill will allow us to segregate those fees among the smaller trust funds which include the port trust fund, library, cemetery and support trust funds and capital reserve funds including road, public works, etc.; after last meeting sent to Attorney Gearreald to review as to whether the language was acceptable; see if the Town will vote pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment services and any other expenses incurred from capital reserve funds income presently they are taken from the income of the Real Estate Trust Fund reducing the income potential of the Town's largest investment; talking a grand total of approximately \$2,100; fees charged are based the total amount of money that is under management which is approximately \$20,000,000; end of year take the balance of the funds; Mackensen and Company gets 1/10 of 1% which amounts to \$20,000 fee which is paid quarterly; no other adjustments made until the end of the year; add it to the budget if doing it in error; asking for the warrant article to pass or some modification to it.

Selectman Woolsey stated: still thinking and digesting.

Selectman Griffin stated: thank you for the good job you've done.

Selectman Bridle stated: think correct in inviting Mr. Moody to the meeting; thank you for the work you do.

Selectman Waddell stated: if the RSA passed and you think it's the best way to manage it; I'm with it.

Chairman Bean stated: HB 297 an act relevant of the management of trust funds and capital reserve funds pertaining to the Library of Trustees; passed by Legislators from this district; sponsored by Rice, Emerick, Stiles; it's with capital reserve management and pertaining to the library of the trustees; amended analysis allows municipalities to keep certain trust

records in electronic format; changes the date by which certain municipal sums shall be transferred; allows municipalities to contract for brokerage assistance with Town trust funds; allows library trustees to govern investments; your funds and management has yielded very nice benefits for the Town; ask the Town attorney to look at warrant article to make sure it marries with the law.

Mr. Silberdick stated: that's what we are requesting.

2. Keith Noyes, DPW Director (26:08)

a. Hampton Beach Infiltration & Inflow Study Report Presentation - Underwood Engineers

Mr. Noyes stated: there is about a half a billion gallons of storm water that's entering sewer systems; costly to treat and unnecessary to treat; hired Underwood Engineers to look at it to come up with a plan to eliminate or at least reduce it.

Mr. Keith Pratt, President of Underwood Engineers, stated: tasked with looking specifically at the beach area; represents about 60,000 feet of collection system; of the 60,000 the Town has replaced about 48,000 feet with PVC; pipes used to be VC; went out a night and measured the flow in the man holes; took a closer look at certain locations that had a high I&I; put a camera in the pipe to look for defects; observed some of the man holes and took notes if we saw leaking; looked at flow records; looked at data from 1984; used some of the flow records from the new Church Street pump station; went out and observed high tides; see what happens at extreme high tide events at 10.2 and above; did this work in the spring so it wasn't at peak sanitary use; saw a consistent baseline infiltration of about a half million gallons a day; recently dropped a little bit; during high tides events fifty-five year man holes were submerged; that's about 20% of them; when they are submerged we see big spikes at the Church Street pumping station; did notice the VC program that has been done; reduced the I&I by half; did notice it's not all necessary the old clay; see it in some of the areas that have been replaced; saw spot repairs that were tagged; a lot of I&I from private sources; recommending spot repairs to be repaired; have not looked at the rest of the system; might help to prioritize; continue with the VC replacement program; review policies and procedures are current; suggesting a reassessment every few years; provides a snapshot on today; gives a tool to help plan for capital improvements.

Mr. Noyes stated: a lot of material to cover in a short period of time; it's a good planning tool for the Town to use; Town has reconstructed or overlaid streets without replacing or repairing the pipes underneath; investing money into a road that could have a major sewer break; already evaluated all the roads in Town; can now marry the two plans together; suggest between this year and next year attack the specific improvements they have identified; concentrate on the beach area.

Selectman Woolsey stated: read the report and some of the charts are beyond me; appreciate the report; sad and aggravated looking back at the 17.5 million dollars that was spent on the beach infrastructure project; did not begin to get the Town's money's worth with that; undertake a project like that without adequate planning was dreadful; when you cannot get boards of selectman to consistently stick to a plan of action; think it's an excellent study; has it helped to have the man hole covers with the gaskets on it?

Mr. Pratt answered: they are used a lot; technology has come a long way; hard to maintain; now have hinged; separate problem of its own.

Mr. Noyes stated: put in those types of lids; any new ones now we're requiring them; not against design build.

Selectman Woolsey stated: left the Town with a mess; hope can proceed with one of these studies; sell the project to finish the remainder of the beach as a step project but one that the Town has to commit to.

Mr. Noyes stated: make sense to do the beach project at one time; have two seasons working against us with the summer and winter.

Selectman Woolsey stated: need to get this under control; appreciate the work and foundation; this is long overdue.

Selectman Griffin asked: who put those pipes there to begin with; the clay pipes you're concerned about?

Mr. Noyes answered: various times over the years.

Selectman Griffin asked: they were put in there by the Hampton Beach Improvement?

Mr. Noyes answered: probably.

Selectman Griffin stated: this will be the first time the Town has invested in those areas; there were all kinds of studies done before.

Selectman Bridle stated: something the Town needs to do with the sewer and buildings; for too long we've built our infrastructure and moved on to something else; appreciate all the work into this.

Selectman Waddell stated: read the study; well done on the summaries; always think look forward not back; improve what needs to be done; it's necessary.

Selectman Woolsey stated: project was sold as a \$12,000,000 project; you always pay interest.

Selectman Griffin answered: agree with Mr. Waddell no need to look back.

Mr. Noyes stated: the Town has invested.

Chairman Bean stated: worked in a pipe; have a little experience in engineering; think there is a lot of encouragement for things the Town has done right; deal enough with state and federal mandates which never give us money; again going to go after the taxpayers; simply a baseline document; how much did the study cost?

Mr. Noyes answered: about \$35,000.

Chairman Bean asked: how many man hours does your firm have in this?

Mr. Pratt answered: I don't know that; probably more than we billed; man hours might have been 2/3 of the cost.

Chairman Bean stated: this does highlight a lot of successes in Hampton; this is not all doom and gloom.

Selectman Griffin stated: I believe your company did the reports before.

b. Salt Bid for 2014-2015 Winter Season (52:00)

- i. Waiver of Purchasing Policy Sections 718-4 Award of Bids or Professional Proposals Subsection B., and 718-7 Use of State and Federal Bids and Proposals to allow acceptance of State Bid

Mr. Noyes stated: simply a request to waive the purchasing policy section 718-4 award; taking advantage of using the State of NH DOT bid for salt purchase; good competitive price; couldn't get it cheaper; using their buying power.

Selectman Woolsey asked: how much salt is left in the salt shed now; do you have a way to gage that?

Mr. Jacobs answered: 800 tons.

Selectman Woolsey stated: it's about half full; any thought to suggestion made about closing in the back east side a little; it's exposed.

Mr. Jacobs answered: first step we want to do is move the sand pile to the east side; a lot of times we mix them and it would be more efficient; currently the loading ramp is on the opposite end; need to move it.

Selectman Woolsey stated: concerned with the wind east facing; built all open

Chairman Bean stated: just a point of order; we have an agenda for agenda items; we're specifically talking about a salt bid for 2014-2015; keep our questions directly related to the bid process.

Selectman Woolsey stated: want to know if we are wasting money.

Selectman Griffin asked: what is your main suggestion?

Mr. Noyes answered: waive the bid process so that we just use the State of NH's bid; state law to tack on and get their price.

Selectman Griffin stated: all for doing whichever one is less.

Mr. Noyes answered: this is definitely less; couldn't get a better deal than this deal.

Mr. Jacobs stated: last year it was \$48.37 a ton and this year it is \$48.43; so it's gone up six cents using the state's bid, this is who the contract is with this year; last year it was with their competitors International Salt; seems to flip year to year.

Selectman Bridle stated: think the state bid is the way to go; they are looking out for the best interest of the whole state; they get better rates.

Selectman Waddell stated: think this is the best way to go.

Chairman Bean asked: Town Manager Welch does this need to be a motion and if so please phrase.

Town Manager Welch answered: does need to be a motion; it's not only a waiver; it's an approval of the ability of the Public Works Department to use the state bidding process and approve a bid in excess of \$50,000 using that process.

Selectman Griffin MOVED to approve the Waiver of Purchasing Policy Sections 718-4 Award of Bids or Professional Proposals Subsection B., and 718-7 Use of State and Federal

Bids and Proposals to allow acceptance of State Bid for Salt for 2014-2015 Winter Season  
SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. 2015 Budget Review (57:17)

1. Selectmen's Perspective

Chairman Bean stated: this was an agenda item for the Board members to offer any comments; let their positions be known going forward for the budget.

Selectman Woolsey stated: all need to see the exact requests that the department head is making and their priorities; appreciate the Town Manager, put the budget together without restraint; like seeing the raw request.

Selectman Griffin stated: tried to pay a lot of attention to this; wish could take more out of it; make it a little smaller than what it is.

Selectman Bridle stated: still need to look at it and move forward; waiting for more information.

Selectman Waddell stated: put together and presented to us nicely; need to move on from here.

Chairman Bean stated: various statements from board members and comments in the press; important we emphasize the voice of financial accounting; the science of actuarial data statistics and operations data; requested data from those department heads that are celebrities in their response for operational data; we've heard that we are growing and need more employees; when you examine statistics and examine websites whether it's the FBI's or the Department of Justice; when you examine the data I would not disagree with those that would assert that we don't need more employees; Hampton is an aging, law abiding, safe community; we are not growing; we are revenue challenged and we do have some serious encumbrances; to protect, specifically want to speak to the union employees in this Town and the taxpayers, their interests are interlocked and in unison; protect the people that are paying taxes and the employees we have now under what are some significantly arduous financial challenges; in terms of mutual aid, they code and inspect properties as much as our Town does; do not exploit our mutual aid options enough with the state; say we need new police officers but the State of NH needs to patrol its beach more than they do; no amount of additional personnel or employees or tax increases that is going to make Hampton safer from an aberrational or sensational or statistically improbable malady or misfortune; we aren't growing and are aging; the NH Employment Security website has Hampton's population at 14,973; in 2012 it's 15,000; the census bureau is interesting; crime is down in Hampton; crime is down in the state; crime is down in the nation; Mr. Tinker in terms of revenue did a revenue analysis of the new growth; when factoring in abatements we're actually losing money; in 2012 the tax revenue increase was \$66,000 from all the building that went on in 2012; getting on with some of the expenses; the New Hampshire Retirement increase for 2012 was \$153,000; the 2012 Health Insurance increase was \$40,000; in 2012 for our major funding we lost \$127,000 doesn't account any bonding or wage increases; in 2013 the tax revenue increase was \$15,698; in 2013 the New Hampshire Retirement increase was \$247,000; we are hemorrhaging revenue; there was a health insurance decrease in 2013; in

2014 the Town's tax revenue was \$165,000; in 2014 the New Hampshire Retirement increase was \$214,000; losing money on that again; 2015 onwards the Finance Director has projected \$150,000 increase every year on the health insurance line; challenged with that phenomenon; statistical analysis would indicate we are not growing; we're not making a lot of money from this development; New Hampshire Retirement system data is an equally painful study; it's under court challenge which could increase the amount owed by the Town; the contribution rates have been assigned for group 2 for police is 26% and for fire is 30%; have a defined benefit plan but no definition of the costs; it's gone free range and it's out of our control; legislation enacted in 2011 HB 2 and several major changes to the law regarding retirement system; a coalition representing public employees is currently challenging several legislative enactments in court; two are currently in the supreme court; it's gone up 30%; it's increased every year; it's vastly outpacing our revenue from real estate and we have no control over it; in the union contracts coming up this year there were requirement for the Town and the unions to establish health insurance committees for a line that is eating us alive; it was never done by the board and it was never done by the unions; not a standard Hampton should continue with; should have a health insurance committee with strategic experts to unburden us; the outstanding pension obligation is almost \$4.7 billion dollars currently; these increases are going to continue whether there is a court challenge or not; in 2003 there were 50,000 active members for the New Hampshire Retirement System that were working; retirees were 17,000; in 2012 there are fewer members; there were 48,000 members paying in and almost 30,000 beneficiaries; that's not a good formula; means that rate will probably continue to increase; unfunded liability that exists right now of the 4.6 is more than 2/3 of the rate we pay in this Town; 2/3 of our bill for our valuable union employees is for the unfunded portion of this; it's going to affect GASB going forward; there's only so much money out there; the revenue does not look good; important we all study the data and not just say we are growing or the board didn't do that; would not support new employees; protect the union employees and employees we have out there working hard; look at the numbers with the benefits versus the salary; the benefits are uncontrollable by us; they are determined by another body that has accountability to nobody in Concord; they set the rate and we pay it; when we start adding employees the rate continues to grow; we can't adequately compensate our employees and protect our taxpayers; interested in protecting the taxpayer and present employees here; when we actually look at the numbers, we actually look at data, it's a fabulous community; what we have no is sustainable; continue to watch and identify these challenges; not to bring these statistics and demographics into the budget process is irresponsible.

2. Keith Noyes, DPW Director (1:11:17)

a. 2015 Budget

Mr. Noyes stated: understand all the Town Manager's cuts; can live with those cuts; when talking about manpower; concern is that with responsibilities, specifically solid waste burns up our manpower; at times only had 2 maybe 3 people in the whole highway department; all of our resources were being used on solid waste collection; reorganized the department to become more streamlined and did that in three phases; looked at all equipment and have come up with a long term equipment replacement program based on the age and condition and use of the equipment; bought GPS units to put in the snow and trash trucks to trace routes to redesign them to make them more efficient; looked at buildings and site and trying to clean up the site making it more efficient; talked about building a new five bay garage to house storm drain crew and have equipment wash facility and building to hold equipment; no

warrant article this year to fund any new buildings or equipment other than replacing some essential equipment; initially proposed for two new employees specifically for the highway department; not arguing that can't get by at the moment without those two employees; looking for support for the first time to do a Public Works master plan; have a consultant come in and work with DPW; come in and look at utilization of areas; focus on three areas of manpower, equipment and facilities; they come in and have own management team to work with them; collaborative effort which cuts costs immensely; look at the whole public works operation; start worrying about title effects on that facility.

Chairman Bean asked: is this consultant part of your budget?

Mr. Noyes answered: yes; this is planning for the future; doing it in a more efficient manner; put \$30,000 out of the engineering account to assist; \$15,000 for a new vehicle lift in the garage; all rusted and corroded; \$40,000 for new federal requirements for storm water management; \$6,000 for sidewalk sweeper attachment to be able to more efficiently sweep the sidewalks; put in \$100,000 for repaving of Fairfield, Ruth and Belmont; Town Manager took it out and is suggesting to put a warrant article in for that expenditure; \$12,000 for beach raking at Sun Valley with a private contractor; worked well this year; \$6,000 for cement mixer; \$40,000 for stainless steel grit box; \$8,000 for sludge blanket level reader; \$140,000 for Waste Water Treatment Plant maintenance items; \$130,000 for sewer line maintenance projects; looking at a decrease of \$7,200 in landfill costs because only have to budget for one year.

Selectman Woolsey asked: what percent of the department's time is spent collecting waste and recycling?

Mr. Noyes answered: I'd say 80-85%.

Selectman Woolsey stated: we've been starving the highway crew; projects are being sidetracked by solid waste; are we going to get some decent big trucks and fine tuning the rolling stock?

Mr. Noyes answered: we are already in the process of doing that; not looking at any half ton pickup trucks in 2015; a number of trucks we have, were bought just for snow plowing; doesn't make economic sense.

Selectman Woolsey stated: is the new computer assisting with more regular maintenance; keeping better track of the fleet; are you ever going to get rid of the freightliner?

Mr. Noyes answered: yes absolutely helping; Town Manager is shaking his head no so I'm shaking mine the same.

Selectman Woolsey stated: Fairfield Drive and paving; don't want to see any activities pushed off to the public if it's a routine function the department should be fulfilling; putting off is driving me crazy; new buildings aren't creating new waste; new people moving in to the new places are not using any waste; not having any extra roads to plow; how are the mechanicals holding up?

Mr. Noyes answered: they're taking quite a bit of maintenance.

Selectman Woolsey asked: desperately need a wash down facility and shed for the sewer; how do you clean the trucks?



Mr. Jacobs answered: on the sand pile; have portable power washers.

Mr. Noyes stated: it's important to take a comprehensive look at the department as a whole.

Selectman Woolsey stated: want the public to understand the need; have millions of dollars of equipment at Public Works.

Mr. Jacobs stated: everything from a one-ton down gets washed in a bay.

Selectman Woolsey asked: how critical is it to build the aeration tanks and do you feel you have an adequate location?

Mr. Jacobs answered: not very at this time; continue to chase the I&I and limit or reduce the peak flows into the plant; the plant would still have capacity; most days we operate at 50% capacity; there is a placeholder for two more lagoons; it is planned out; vision is 15-20 years down the road; chase I&I now, it saves us in the future; sewer load is going to increase; last facilities plan was done, predicted the beach would grow at only seven units per acre; currently being developed at one hundred and twenty-three units per acre; units meaning bedrooms.

Mr. Noyes commented: had a warrant article for a facilities plan study of the Waste Water Treatment Plant; have money aside for that; waiting for draft permit for the five year operating permit from the EPA; we can then look at what needs to be done; matter of time to get that draft permit.

Selectman Woolsey stated: with Chris' observation we are not stagnating.

Mr. Jacobs stated: believe Chairman Bean was commenting on the base population of the Town; summer beach population and summer waste water and solid waste load would seasonally increase; has a lot to do with the economics.

Selectman Woolsey asked: you are basically part of the estuary; are you being consulted at all or had opportunity to make some observations; if you needed to be relocated, where are we going to relocate you?

Mr. Noyes answered: one of the factors looking for in the study.

Selectman Woolsey stated: support your budget; don't want to see the money for Fairfield Drive in a warrant article.

Selectman Griffin asked: is there anything you're looking to do that concerns the trash or solid waste issue?

Mr. Noyes answered: not from an operational standpoint.

Selectman Griffin stated: wouldn't expect that;

Mr. Noyes stated: not in the plan as far as that goes; not to bring up solid waste period.

Selectman Griffin stated: no trash pickup is not where Hampton wants to go; very important to remember that we had a very bad economic crunch; today is going to be different; people are spending money; it can change again; the tide coming in is the same; not something we absolutely have to

Mr. Noyes stated: not saying that, we are just doing the study; just a factor to consider.

Selectman Griffin stated: DPW does a great job.

Selectman Bridle stated: did the Fairfield Drive project two years ago; need to pave that; when we start a project we need to finish it; needs to be in the budget; agree with the study; there are certain things that need to be done; make sure we are getting all our ducks in a row so we are doing it the right way; is that the private contractor for the Town wide mowing in the amount of \$32,000?

Mr. Noyes answered: yes, not just for Public Works but Recreation as well.

Selectman Bridle commented: used to do our own mowing; wonder if we should take a look at that again; next time it comes up like to see if we could do it better ourselves; could we utilize some of the part-time help in the summer for the highway and mowing.

Selectman Waddell asked: your budget is going up how much?

Mr. Noyes answered: original was 12.5%; currently 14.5% which does include the \$100,000 for Fairfield.

Selectman Waddell stated: the Town might not be growing the base but it is getting older and the infrastructure is getting older; sure you looked at it and tightened it up best you could; think the study is good; think it will save money in the long run; reality is you need money to fix the Town and collect the trash; in support of this.

Mr. Noyes stated: work hard to keep costs down; don't spend money if we don't need to.

Chairman Bean stated: not prepared to pass judgment on your budget with significant energy increases; Chairman Desrosiers of the Energy Commission is in the back; substantial energy increases across all the budget platforms; Mr. Desrosiers, please give a quick synopsis on energy costs and what should be going on with our energy accounts.

Mr. Desrosiers, 40 Salt Meadow, there are two aspects to the energy part of the budget; the increasing costs; still gathering data; what it looks like is that the increase in cost is strictly due to the delivery charge by Unitil; example Waste Water Treatment Plant is paying \$0.125-.13 kilowatt hour for delivery; we base the budget on \$.06 kilowatt hour; Transfer Station is paying \$0.24 kilowatt hour and based the budget on \$0.06 kilowatt hour; the budget was based on 2013 costs which came in at 458 for delivery; substantial increase right there; the usage isn't much more this year than last year; the other part has to do with the contract with Integrys Energy to supply the energy to the Waste Water Sewer plant; fixed price contract are small accounts that expires next September; trying to get a lower rate than right now; block pricing has been working out pretty well; another three weeks or so be able to come back and give analysis.

Chairman Bean asked: are any new employees included in your budget.

Mr. Noyes answered: yes; two.

Chairman Bean asked: what was the amount of those two?

Mr. Noyes answered: \$46,297.

Chairman Bean asked: how were New Hampshire Retirement System, FICA, all those general government expenditures accounted for?

Mr. Noyes answered: those come out of the Town office account; the ballpark is 40%.

Chairman Bean stated: I think that is extremely low; is the consultant in the budget?

Mr. Noyes answered: yes, cost of \$30,000.

Chairman Bean stated: probably have a few years in the business; don't think when we have this many decades of experience that the tax payers needs anything but your expert opinion; how many years do you have as director?

Mr. Noyes answered: twenty-five.

Chairman Bean asked: how many years in Public Works?

Mr. Noyes answered: twenty-five.

Chairman Bean asked Mr. Jacobs: how many years do you have?

Mr. Jacobs answered: six.

Chairman Bean asked Mr. Jacobs: how many years as civil engineer?

Mr. Jacobs answered: twenty-five.

Chairman Bean asked Mr. Welch: and how many do you have?

Town Manager Welch answered: public works thirty.

Chairman Bean asked Ms. McGinnis: how many years do you have?

Ms. McGinnis answered: thirty-five.

Chairman Bean stated: not interested in paying big tax payers dollars to someone, when you that many years of experience; not of any value; has in-house capabilities.

Selectman Woolsey asked: transportation tipping fees; talking in 2014 \$525,000; requesting \$555,000; how is the recycling rate holding?

Mr. Noyes answered: hovers around 30%.

#### VI. Town Manager's Report (1:52:29)

1. Aquarian Water Company has notified us that they will be taking the Glade Path Water Tank (Church Str.) out of service for a few days this week. They expect to maintain normal water pressure and quality during this work period.
2. The Finance Department has begun the process of paying over the proceeds of the School Impact Fees being held for SAU 21. The sums paid will be applied against the taxes to be raised for Hampton's portion of the SAU Taxes in the coming year.
3. The State Departments of Transportation and Economic Development have begun the setup of the construction site for the balance of the seawall repairs in Hampton. Construction work is slated to begin no later than today.
4. Efforts continue to have the property at Winnacunnet and Lafayette Roads cleaned up. The amount of dead overgrowth and trash that has accumulated can constitute a fire hazard. I have requested that Town Counsel investigate with the Fire Chief whether or not this constitutes a fire danger and if so to send the appropriate legal notices.
5. The Finance Department has commenced work on GASB 34 and 45. The Fixed Asset Policy is also being updated for Board approval.

Town Manager Welch added: the Board had a fixed asset policy years ago that was never voted on; Finance Department is working aggressively on policy.

Selectman Woolsey asked: who is responsible for the High Street parking lot?

Town Manager Welch answered: the Town; parking lots fall under Parks and Recreation and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Woolsey stated: apparently we have a parking shortage in Town; why are boats parked in the High Street parking lot?

Town Manager Welch commented: the Police Department is investigating that and either ticketing them or having them towed.

Selectman Woolsey stated: there are two boats and a large truck.

Town Manager Welch stated: there are two boats, large truck and some construction vehicles; also vehicles with expired Town stickers; questioning them all.

Selectman Woolsey stated: sweep through there from time to time.

Town Manager Welch stated: have asked the Police to do that.

Selectman Griffin stated: must be rules on how long they are allowed to stay there.

Town Manager Welch stated; commercial vehicles can't be parked in there; curfews for the parking lot are posted.

Selectman Griffin stated: have somebody from the Police Department coming in to explain why that is not being corrected immediately.

Town Manager Welch stated: have asked them in writing to do that.

Selectman Bridle asked: we've already dealt with SAU 90 haven't we?

Town Manager Welch answered: we have not received a request yet from SAU 90.

Selectman Bridle stated: in regards to Selectman Woolsey's question on how long the seawall repair will be there; they are going to be there all fall and will go as long as they can into the winter; be back as early as possible in the spring to finish up; attempting to do the last 62 or 64 sections; the auction, are you going to bring that up?

Town Manager Welch answered: was going to bring that up under new business.

Selectman Waddell asked: if it's posted down at the municipal lot, can't we tow them?

Town Manager Welch answered: we can tow them; the boats and truck are a problem; they have to be disassembled; have asked the Police Department to get a hold of the vehicles owners and get them out of their quick; causing potential problem in the future; look like they are battened down for the winter; don't want to get sued that we damaged their property.

Selectman Griffin commented: no reason people need to look at those boats either.

Town Manager Welch stated: what happens is we find several derelict vehicles full of trash; happens in other lots as well; cleaned it up with the Police Department's assistance.

Selectman Bridle stated: somebody has dumped a bunch of grass clippings on the side of Drakeside Road before you get to Towle Farm Road; appeared there last night.

## VII. New Business (2:02:09)

1. Hampton School District – SAU 90

a. Request for the District of \$38,425 from the Comcast Franchise Fee Fund

Town Manager Welch stated: suggesting this be held; we lost our service on Channel 22 last week; asked for an analysis to find out what the problem was; what will it take to fix problem so we don't have another one; what information or materials do we need to make sure we have the proper components if something were to go down and need to be fixed immediately and what will it cost; hopefully will be done this week and will be transferred to the board; what do we have in the fund and are we able to pay these funds out; are we able to do that without jeopardizing either or both of the stations.

Selectman Bridle commented: 25% of the funds collected from Comcast is used for running the station; now that we are running two stations, want to make sure that it's enough or if we need to increase that; make sure we're taking enough of that fund to make sure we have it; two stations are important and they're doing a lot of good work.

Selectman Woolsey asked: why should we hold back on releasing the funds to the school district if there are repairs and updates that need to be made?

Town Manager Welch answered: Comcast is not responsible for repairs/updating because it's our equipment and our system; Comcast will not pay anything towards that; appears that the old boxes are not being used anymore; old boxes have malfunctioned and when one fails it causes either audio or video or both to not work and we need to prevent that from happening; we are having our engineering people as well as our operating people evaluate this.

Selectman Griffin commented: looking at Town Manager Welch for expertise and leadership in this issue.

Selectman Waddell commented: now that we have two stations we need to increase how much we're taking and needs to be funded solidly.

Selectman Bridle commented: is now September 15<sup>th</sup> and we were assured by Comcast that the station would be up and running.

Town Manager Welch stated: has heard nothing from Comcast in terms of a date; need to write a letter on behalf of the Town and inquire to Comcast as to what the date of the completion of the project will be and if it is more than a few days off than projected date; need to bring it back to the Board; need to make a decision on this and it is a performance issue on their contract and they may lose their contract.

VIII. Old Business (2:08:19)

Selectman Woolsey stated: are we still on track for doing a police budget next Monday?

Town Manager Welch stated: it was moved up and will be done September 29<sup>th</sup>; 29<sup>th</sup> is the final run of budgets; it will be Fire and Police.

Selectman Griffin commented: disturbed about Channel 22; has watched all of the meetings with disturbed experiences; would like to know why Selectman Woolsey is getting up in front of the public and telling them she will personally put on all future tax bills that different HOA groups are responsible for future taxes; most people figure this out through legal people when they are buying a piece of property; heard her say she will personally make sure these

are on the tax bills and will come to an end; how many HOA organizations have not paid the Town when the Town billed them; not aware of any.

Town Manager Welch stated: not aware of any either.

Selectman Griffin stated: to listen to Ms. Woolsey discuss this is not fair to the people and is not fair to this Board; in all of the time he has been here, have never seen another board member go up and say they are going to do that; what she is doing is illegal.

Town Manager Welch commented: she was talking to me about the tax property cards which are in the Assessor's Office; received back from the Registry of Deeds requirements that individual sub-divisions that have drain facilities need to be maintained; she was asking me to put a reference on the property tax card so if they were buying or selling the property they would have a reference to look at.

Selectman Griffin asked: who decides what goes on these tax deeds, would assume it's done on a state level.

Town Manager Welch answered: it's not done on a state level except for septic systems.

Selectman Griffin asked: have these issues been discussed with the Board and what goes on the tax cards?

Town Manager Welch answered: it has not been discussed with the Board.

Selectman Griffin stated: would like it discussed between the Board first; be advised on that before Selectman Woolsey talks to the public.

Selectman Woolsey commented: this Board has voted that tax dollars will not be used to maintain drainage systems in new builds; has asked that it be put on people's deeds to enforce that; most of the deeds do not say they live on a private road; agrees with what the Conservation Coordinator did in getting a reference to the wetlands permits noted on the assessing cards so that people buying property will be aware; would like the buyers to know that as a Town; Hampton will not maintain their drainage system; don't want to do it and don't want the taxpayers to do it; will try to see that the deeds reflect that the Town will not maintain the drainage system.

Selectman Griffin commented: Mr. Welch just said we don't have any expenses that have been billed by these groups; this is not a problem.

Chairman Bean commented: would like Board members to go directly to the other Board member with their issues; if not able to be resolved between the two members then go to Town Manager Welch; which is understood by each board member.

Selectman Bridle commented: would like to make a motion to hold the Town auction on October 18<sup>th</sup> because the 11<sup>th</sup> is a holiday weekend; authorize the Town Manager to dispose of materials.

Selectman Woolsey commented: would have hoped to see more vehicles from Public Works because some are in bad shape; nineteen pick-up trucks and some should be placed at the public auction; would like to see us shaving down the huge rolling stock that we are carrying; it's a lot of money and we need to do something about these vehicles; can we consult to see if we can put more on the auction block?

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Town Manager Welch stated: we are looking to trade in the pick-up trucks in order to buy different equipment such as a plow truck; haven't disposed of the pick-up trucks yet because these new vehicles will substitute for the pick-up trucks;

Selectman Woolsey asked: are we going to be aggressively publishing the list; hates hearing that people did not know about it.

Town Manager Welch answered: yes; Finance is taking care of it.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to hold the Town Auction on October 18, 2014 and authorize the Town Manager to dispose of materials SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Bridle commented: may want to talk to the Cemetery because they have a pick-up truck that is not safe for the road.

IX. Closing Comments (2:21:04)

No closing comments.

X. Adjournment (2:21:09)

Selectman Griffin MOVED to ADJOURN the Public Meeting at 9:19PM SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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Chairman